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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2004. The Office Action entered a restriction requirement between Group I, Claims 1-3, drawn to Inspection report for a marine vessel, Group II, Claims 4-14, drawn to monitoring system for a marine vessel, Group III, and Claims 15-23, drawn to remotely monitoring a marine vessel condition. In response, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 4-14 without traverse for prosecution in this application.

Applicants respectfully submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance.

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